

*Sub E.* 2. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said intermediate region of [the] each of the fastening tape [strip] strips is temporarily bonded to the outer surface of said backsheet by means of said adhesive region provided in a vicinity of said transversely opposite side edge regions.

*A.M.* 3. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said intermediate region of each of said fastening tape [strip] strips [has said intermediate region extending] extends so as to describe a curve which is convex outward transversely of the diaper.

*Sub E.* 4. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein each of said fastening tape [strip] strips is made of a flexible but non-stretchably plastic sheet.

5. (Amended) The diaper according to Claim 1, wherein said intermediate region of each of said fastening tape [strip] strips is coated on an inner surface thereof with a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

IN THE ABSTRACT

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